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Timoshenko Throws More Tanks, Guns And Planes Into Battle As His Army Smashes On

Kharkov Lies In Ruins UNDER RELAY BLOW

GERMAN DEFENCES WHICH TRANSFORMED THE GREAT INDUSTRIAL CITY OF KHARKOV INTO ONE OF THE STRONGEST FORTRESSES IN THE WORLD, WERE REPORTED YESTERDAY TO BE CRUMBLING UNDER THE MIGHTY PRESSURE OF THE SOVIET OFFENSIVE.

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ITALY EXPECTS BRITISH PUSH

A BIG British offensive in the Middle East before the hot season begins is believed in Italian military circles to be in preparation.

The Italians are reported by the Rome correspondent of the "Tribune de Geneve" to be particularly impressed by the persistent readiness of the British to risk any sacrifice to maintain supplies to Malta.

Massimo may still dream about the Mediterranean being his mare, but according to the correspondent, the British American sea and air forces have been concentrating for some time on the Mediterranean, especially in the Egyptian and Suez Canal areas.

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Goebbels Still Piles It On

Berne, Saturday.

THE Germans are still putting out inspired propaganda stories of Hitler's "new weapons" which are being used in the Crimean offensive.

They include, according to Berlin correspondents of Swiss newspapers:

"The report of the new artillery weapons declared that its shells, when exploded, release compressed air which bursts the lungs of anyone within a radius of 400 yards."

The Berlin "Lokal-Anzeiger" declared that "it spreads terror and rage among the Soviet troops and has even driven many of them insane."

All these horrid tales, Goebbels spring offensively, have so far failed to dislodge the German from Kerch—Reuter and B.U.P.

NAZIS SEIZE 460 DUTCH HOSTAGES

ALL regular officers and cadets of the former Dutch army have been sent to German camps, the German press reports. The German-controlled Dutch wireless has announced the capture.

More than 2,000 are affected by the order.

It is stated that "some of the officers bore their word of honour to Germany."

Four hundred and sixty soldiers have been sent to German camps, the German press reports.

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U.S. MASS PRODUCTION OF "SUBS"

New York, Saturday.

THE United States is now producing sub-marines on mass-production lines like aircraft and tanks, according to Rear Admiral H. Van Keulen, chief of the Bureau of Shipping.

The Rear-Admiral, who was addressing the National Association of Manufacturers in the Middle West, said the Navy had been able to do this with the aid of four private shipbuilding companies.

Rear-Admiral Van Keulen is on a "Production Victory" tour of the U.S.A.—Reuter.

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German Pilots "Wouldn't Play" RAF HARASS DEFENCES

SKIMMING LOW over the waves and nipping in across the French coast, Spitfires of fighter Command resumed their sweeps yesterday to harass the German defences in occupied territory.

Their targets included gas-holders, dock gates and railways. They were seen to be attacking a gas-holder at St. Valery-sur-Somme and saw their cannon shells strike home.

A sweep was also carried out in the English Channel, where German fighters came up they were driven back by the RAF.

Two pilots on an earlier operation, a gas-holder at Ostend with smoke and flames pouring from it; two others attacked a railway near St. Valery-en-Caux and saw their cannon shells strike home.

We turned right then and stopped a goods train by shooting up the engine and then set alight a gas-holder," said one of them.

Two pilots of another squadron entered France several miles farther north and saw a passenger train. "As there may have been German men on to set a railway shed on fire."

Two others on the same squadron also had some good shooting on a railway near St. Valery-en-Caux.

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The Note also said that the French Government reserves that it will not recognize any responsibility for an act which might compromise our relations with the American people.

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They would also be repaired and the personnel of the ships wishing to return to France.

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THREE fingers and the thumb of his right hand are withered and lifeless; they've been there by way since the Hun crippled them in the spring of 1919. But he wraps a stout rope around his strong left forearm, heaves, heaves—and heaves again... and the ship's fine old dory comes slowly up the shingle beach, nearly half a ton to its gunnels with fish with silver bellies.

He's a Navy pensioner-fisherman, and he lost those three fingers and that thumb in the last war—and his two sons in this. Ever heard tell of some of the "fishermen" who were in the "fishery fleets" (tell) You haven't! I've been luckier than you... A couple of weeks ago he and I stood on the sloping beach, in the middle of the delightful jumble of upturned dories, dinghies and converted whalers; pink paint-brushes, taraulines, ropes and netting.

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Four jobs are being done all in one this year—the issue of the new Clothing Book, the issue of the Personal Food Ration Book, application for the General Food Ration Book and also an inspection of Identity Cards. Special offices throughout the country will be open this week; their addresses are advertised locally.

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- 1 Look at your IDENTITY CARD. If you have made any alteration to it or if it does not give your present address, the first thing you should do is take it to the nearest National Registration Officer. (Usually his office is in the Council Offices).
- 2 As soon as you have made sure about your Identity Card, turn to page 2 of your new FOOD RATION BOOK. This is the reference leaf. Do NOT take it out of the book. See that your name is clearly written in Part A (the top portion).
- 3 In Part B, the lower part of the reference leaf, you must fill in the details asked for—and one that isn't. The form says "If holder is under 16 state date of birth." But this time everyone must give this information. It will be kept confidential.
- 4 Take your main FOOD RATION BOOK (clipped in between page 2 and page 3) to any one of the special offices in your area or to the nearest National Registration Officer. (Usually his office is in the Council Offices).
- 5 Your family and friends—but see that all the reference leaves are in order. See that you have the right Identity Cards in the right books.
- 6 The office will hand over to you the new Clothing Book (valid from June 1), with a booklet for children, and also the Personal Food Ration Book. They will take out the reference leaf, and will send on the general Food Ration Book later.

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director or a Stock Exchange broker	Damascus	0	2	2	2	Northampton
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